1	2	3
	9. Poonch	Do.
Delhi (U.T.) Circle	Nil	
Maharashtra Circle	1. Parbhani	Maharashtra
	2. Yeotmal	Do.
	3. Bhandara	Do.
	4. Latur	Do.
	5. Jalna	Do.
	6. Gadchiroli	Do.
Uttar Pradesh Circle	1. Hamirpur	Uttar Pradesh
	2. Lalitpur	Do.
	3. Unnao	Do.
	4. Rampur	Do.
	5. Pilibhit	Do.
	6. Uttar kashi	Do.
West Bengal Circle	1. North District	Sikkim
	2. South District	Do.
	3. West District	Do.
	4. Nicobar	U.T. of A & N Islands.

Post offices in rural areas

720. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to revise the norms for opening new post offices in the rural areas; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Postal facilities in A.P. villages

721. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of villages in Andhra Pradesh which do not have postal and telegram facilities as on the 31st January, 1988 and by when these villages are likely to be provided with these facilities; and

(b) how many post and telegraph offices were opened in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a)

Postal facilities:

The following postal facilities are provided in all the villages.

(i) Delivery of postal articles and payment of money orders.

(ii) Sale of postage stamps and stationery.

(iii) Collection of registered and unregistered articles for despatch.

Telegraph facilities:

Telegraph facilities are provided on the basis of 5 km side hexagon area. On this basis 29938 villages in Andhra Pradesh are formed into 4999 inhabited hexagons and 4047 hexagons are covered by telegraph facilities as on 31-1-88. The rest of hexagons will be covered by March, 1990.